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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Answers
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In re Application of:)
Gary K. Michelson, M.D.)
Serial No.: 09/593,591) Group Art Unit: 3738
Filed: June 13, 2000) Examiner: P. Prebilic
For: MANUFACTURED MAJOR LONG)
BONE RING IMPLANT SHAPED TO)
CONFORM TO A PREPARED)
INTERVERTEBRAL IMPLANTATION)
SPACE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In reply to the Office Action dated November 29, 2001 (Paper No. 5), please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification (with the changes as shown in the attachment) to read as follows:

Page 10, last paragraph:

—As shown in FIGs. 4, 9, and 10, in a preferred embodiment of the present invention, trailing end 104 can be machined to include openings 120, 122 for receiving bone-engaging screws 130a, 130b. Openings 120, 122 extend from trailing end 104 through upper and lower surfaces 106, 108, respectively, and are

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